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House Bill No. 5277

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The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. STEINBERG of the 136th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT THAT PROMOTE ACCESSIBILITY IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section: (1)
2 "Health care facility" means a hospital or an outpatient clinic, as such
3 terms are defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes, a long-term
4 care facility, as defined in section 17a-405 of the general statutes, and a
5 hospice facility, licensed pursuant to section 19a-122b of the general
6 statutes; and (2) "medical diagnostic equipment" means (A) an
7 examination table, (B) an examination chair, (C) a weight scale, (D)
8 mammography equipment, and (E) x-ray, imaging and other
9 radiological diagnostic equipment.

10 (b) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
11 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
12 establish technical standards for medical diagnostic equipment
13 purchased by any health care facility on or after January 1, 2023, that

14 meet or exceed the technical standards for accessibility developed by the
15 federal Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board in
16 accordance with Section 4203 of the Patient Protection and Affordable
17 Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended from time to time.

18 (c) Not later than October 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Public Health
19 shall notify each physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the
20 general statutes of the technical standards for accessibility developed by
21 the federal Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board
22 in accordance with Section 4203 of the Patient Protection and Affordable
23 Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended from time to time, for medical
24 diagnostic equipment. The commissioner shall also provide information
25 to each physician describing the best practices for the safe provision of
26 health care to individuals with accessibility needs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

PH *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to adopt regulations that require health care facilities to meet or exceed certain federal technical standards for accessibility of medical diagnostic equipment purchased on or after January 1, 2023. There is no fiscal impact to DPH to promulgate these regulations.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5277*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT THAT PROMOTE ACCESSIBILITY IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) commissioner to adopt regulations that require health care facilities to meet or exceed certain federal technical standards for accessibility of medical diagnostic equipment purchased on or after January 1, 2023. Specifically, facilities must at least comply with the technical standards developed by the federal Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board in accordance with the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The commissioner must, by October 1, 2023, notify each licensed physician of these technical standards and provide them with best practices for providing health care safely to people with accessibility needs.

Under the bill, a “health care facility” is a hospital, outpatient clinic, and long-term care or hospice facility. “Medical diagnostic equipment” includes an examination table or chair; weight scale; mammography equipment; and x-ray, imaging, and other radiological diagnostic equipment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board***

The board is an independent federal agency that provides information, technical assistance, and training on accessibility design for

people with disabilities. Among other things, it provides design criteria for transit vehicles, telecommunications equipment, and electronic information technology.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 31 Nay 0 (03/11/2022)